made in any UNICEF report regarding absence of a proper Child Welfare Department in India.

(c) Question does not arise.

National Curriculum Framework for School Education

4641. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new "National Curriculum Framework for School Education" (NCFSE) by NCERT has been finalised/approved; if so, the date of its implementation;
- (b) whether it is as per provisions and directions of the National Policy on Education (NPE) of 1986 and the Programme of Action, earlier approved by the Parliament;
- (c) whether medieval India's history finds any mention in the new NCFSE; and
- (d) how and in what manner, Government propose to make education 'indigenous' in whole of the country, as per NCFSE?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) NCERT has prepared and released a new National Curriculum Framework for School Education in January 2001 within the broad parameters of the National Policy on Education framed in 1986 and revised in 1992. NCERT has initiated action for development of detailed syllabi of individual subject. The recommendations of NCERT are advisory in nature and the State Governments/UTs are free to adapt/adopt these recommendations as per their requirement and therefore no specific date of implementation has been indicated. NCFSE has been circulated to State Governments/UTs for such action as deemed fit.

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) One of the core concerns of the NCFSE is strengthening national identity, as well as integrating indigenous knowledge and

India's contribution to mankind and its cultural heritage which will revolve around Indian people particularly tribals and other groups. While drafting the detailed syllabi efforts will be made by NCERT to make the syllabi relevant to the socio-cultural context of the learners.

Recruitment Rules for the Post of Commissioner, KVS

4642. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it' is a fact that Recruitment Rules for the post of Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan provide, *inter-alia*, for appointment of eminent educationists;
- (d) what steps had been taken in May-June, 1998 to publicise the vacancy for the above post;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the vacancy had been filled much before the declared last date for applying had expired; and
- (d) if so, the mode of misleading the ACC in this regard for procuring its approval?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Recruitment Rules of the Post of Commissioner, KVS provide for appointment by transfer on deputation including short term contract from amongst the officers under the Central/State Governments/Union Territory Administration/Universities/Semi Government/Statutory/Autonomous Bodies having required number of years of service in various pay scales and possessing Masters Degree from a recognised University or equivalent and having experience in the field of Educational Administration/ Teaching/Research.

- (b) The applications were invited again in August, 1998.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.